



Speakers and talks available for Branch Meetings : October 2017

<p><u>Objective 1: Marriage</u> Supporting, promoting and strengthening marriage and married life (includes preparing couples for marriage)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Relationship counselling and experience working for Relate 	<p>Angie Purdom angiepurdom@aol.com</p>
<p><u>Objective 2: Supporting Families in faith</u> Helping families to explore and enjoy faith together and encouraging parents in their role to develop the faith of their children (includes baptism links, Hand in Hand resource, Children in Church, Messy Church)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grandparenting – sharing the joys and sorrows of our families as grandparents 	<p>Daphne Cook, 61 Newport Drive, Alcester, B49 5BJ 01789 762553 daphnecook@btinternet.com</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hand in Hand – the MU resource to encourage families in faith 	<p>Felicity Hawke, 6 Draper Close, Kenilworth CV8 2SP 01926 857290 felicity.hawke@btinternet.com</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Opportunities or distraction: Making the most of the opportunity to show Christ’s love to those coming for baptism, weddings and funerals Families then and now: A look at families in the Bible and what their experience might have to say to families today 	<p>Carol Davies, The Laurels, 14 School St, Long Lawford Rugby CV23 9AU 01788 544630 caroldavies_rugby@tiscali.co.uk</p>

<p><u>Objective 3: Building a Christian Community</u> Faith is central to the work of Mothers' Union (includes prayer and worship, worldwide Wave of Prayer, retreats, quiet days)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 'One Man's Journey to Heaven' – episodes in the life of Christ. Talk with slides • 'The Inner Journey' – spirituality built on the life and witness of St Francis 	<p>Daphne Cook, 61 Newport Drive, Alcester, B49 5BJ 01789 762553 daphnecook@btinternet.com</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • History of Lent – talk with Powerpoint slides 	<p>Chris Rutherford, 23 Frances Rd, Harbury, CV33 9JG 01926 613757 krismonsens@btinternet.com</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Time to spare, time to care: Valuing time alone, time to listen and sympathise, awareness of God's world • Hymn writers and their stories: How they came to be written, how the words can inspire us, and how they are relevant to Mothers' Union • Lent: How to make a good Lent, especially as members of Mothers' Union • Prayer and faith: How these affect our lives as members of Mothers' Union 	<p>Brenda Moss, Aldersbrook, Nuneaton Rd, Mancetter, Atherstone CV9 1NW 01827 713304 <i>[Prefers to travel only to local areas]</i></p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Church embroidery: Symbolism, history and development of Church vestments including samples of work. Expression of faith through such work 	<p>Felicity Howatson 10 Fisher Road, Bishops Itchington, Southam Leamington Spa CV47 2RE 01926 612773 d.howatson@btinternet.com</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spiritual Direction 	<p>Angie Purdom angiepurdom@aol.com</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • My continuing journey with God: personal reflections from childhood experience to where I am at present. 	<p>Elizabeth Penlington, 2 Leighton Close, Coventry CV4 7AE 02476 419707 elizabethpenlington@talktalk.net</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ‘Precious Things’: Gold, glass, pottery and other materials are spoken of in the Bible – how can we relate what we read about in the Bible to our lives today? • Powerpoint presentations for use in worship: “Through the Stained Glass Window”; An Island Pilgrimage”; “A heavenly view” 	<p>Rose Clemo, 2 Nursery Road, Atherstone CV9 1PN 01827 704837 rosecleo@yahoo.co.uk (Has computer and projector, but needs a screen to show these)</p>
<p><u>Objective 4: Supporting Family Life</u> Together we can make a real difference to the lives of families and communities around the world, so we work to promote conditions in society favourable to stable family life and the protection of children (includes campaigning, parenting progs, literacy and financial education progs, family life prog, community development)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stratford Street Pastors 	<p>Maureen Green 01789 565180 mob: 07939961476 stratforduponavon@streetpastors.org.uk Talks only available in Stratford and surrounding villages</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Who Do We Think We Are? You never know what you might find in your family tree, so how does it affect how we see our neighbours today? 	<p>Felicity Hawke, 6 Draper Close, Kenilworth CV8 2SP 01926 857290 felicity.hawke@btinternet.com</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NSPCC – find out more about what they do, including ChildLine, how the money is spent, and what you might do to be more involved. 	<p>Mary Robins, NSPCC volunteer, 2 Home Farm, Leek Wootton, Warwick CV35 7PU 01926 512643 p.t.robins@btinternet.com</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Oliver Twist – then and now. The work of the Children’s Society in 2017 	<p>Ruth Smith, The Children’s Society, 5, Kingland Drive, Leamington Spa, CV32 6BL 01926 427613 ruthsmith5k@talktalk.net</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Passionate about Parenting – how the MU Parenting Programme helps parents and carers, and supports family life. • Relationships and Sex – how parenting groups can help parents and grandparents tackle tricky subjects and why it’s important. 	<p>Felicity Hawke, 6 Draper Close, Kenilworth CV8 2SP 01926 857290 felicity.hawke@btinternet.com</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Great Grandma’s Workbox: A focus for continuity of family life over five generations, past and future, young and old, and the importance of each family member 	<p>Felicity Howatson 10 Fisher Road, Bishops Itchington, Southam Leamington Spa CV47 2RE 01926 612773 d.howatson@btinternet.com</p>

<p><u>Objective 5: Helping Those Facing Adversity</u> (includes bereavement support, HIV/AIDS work, prison work, emergency relief support to families and communities, Away From It All holidays, Community Development Co-ordinators)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prison Visiting: How the Mothers’ Union scheme started, and the experience of prison visiting • Angel Tree: Christmas presents for prisoners’ children 	<p>Chris Cooke, 60 Stowe Drive, Southam CV47 1NP 01926 813482 chrisdavecooke@hotmail.com</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Futures Unlocked – supporting ex-offenders returning to Warwickshire 	<p>Emma Wells 19/20 North St, Rugby CV21 2AG 01788 547015 admin@futuresunlocked.org</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AFIA – Away From It All: how we help families who otherwise would not be able to have a holiday 	<p>Lynda Howells, 3 Walnut Tree Close, Kenilworth CV8 2NF 01926 777938 mu.covafia@hotmail.com</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Victorian Housekeeping – Children worked “below stairs” in Victorian times. How are the lives of Young Carers now similar to or different from children in Victorian times? 	<p>Ruth Smith, The Children’s Society, 5, Kingland Drive, Leamington Spa, CV32 6BL 01926 427613 ruthsmith5k@talktalk.net</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Operation Mercymill: a voice for dignity, justice and mercy – spiritual care of patients 	<p>Rev Kirsteen Macauley, Chaplain and Bereavement Support Officer at University Hospital Coventry 30 Barston Close, Hall Green, Coventry, CV8 7DS 02476 663349 or 02476 967428 kirsteenclanciosd@fsmail.net kirsteen.macauley@uhcw.nhs.uk</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Why do so many victims of rape choose not to report it? Hear from the experience of staff working at Coventry Rape and Sexual Abuse Centre 	<p>PO Box 2464 Coventry CV1 1ZA 02476 277772 admin@crasac.org.uk</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “The Life of a Young Carer” Warwickshire Young Carers’ Project” 	<p>Ryton Organic Gardens, Ryton on Dunsmore, Warwickshire CV8 3ES 024 7621 7740 katy@carerssupportservice.co.uk dbignell@carerssupportservice.co.uk</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “Life in a Strange land: Living with dementia” Including some biblical reflection on how the sufferer and the carer are held within the love of God 	<p>Carol Davies, The Laurels, 14 School St, Long Lawford Rugby CV23 9AU 01788 544630 caroldavies_rugby@tiscali.co.uk</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coventry Haven – a presentation based on the services provided, positive outcomes, and a personal journey through abuse. Haven supports women & children through all types of abuse, by providing support, information and safe refuge. Training & awareness-raising are also available to agencies and local community members. 	<p>Jaime Richards, Coventry Haven Women's Aid 22 Marlborough Road Coventry CV2 4EP T: 02476 444 077 jsrichards@coventryhaven.co.uk</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “Prostitution: What is it and how we, as people of faith respond.” Looking at the issue of prostitution, the stereotypes, why and how women get into it, sharing some stories of women we have worked with and what our response, as Christians, should be to this issue. 	<p>Embrace Warwickshire, c/o Elim Church, the Butts, Coventry, CV1 3GR 024 7622 6493 07475761417 alysia@embrace-uk.org</p>
<u>All Objectives</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Challenge of Mothers’ Union – what does our membership mean? God’s calling to a deeper commitment • Mothers’ Union Worldwide – PowerPoint presentation of visit to Myanmar: How all are enriched by relationships made and sustained • Mothers’ Union Worldwide – PowerPoint presentation of the way MU has grown overseas and its life today. 	<p>Daphne Cook, 61 Newport Drive, Alcester, B49 5BJ 01789 762553 daphnecook@btinternet.com</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be Inspired.... Share and hear about the variety of activities and projects that MU members are involved in • Work of Action & Outreach and the Grants’ Committee at Mary Sumner House and Chris’ role in that. • “Open the Book” – reaching and teaching children in school 	<p>Chris Cooke, 60 Stowe Drive, Southam CV47 1NP 01926 813482 chrisdavecooke@hotmail.com</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “In Mary Sumner’s Footsteps.” Mary Sumner was the founder of Mothers’ Union in 1867. Who was she, what motivated and inspired her? How has the movement grown over the years and how can <u>we</u> follow in her footsteps? 	<p>Felicity Hawke, 6 Draper Close, Kenilworth CV8 2SP 01926 857290 felicity.hawke@btinternet.com</p>
<u>Additional Talks</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tax, Care and Toy Boys: Safeguarding your family’s future: insights into many legal problems concerning taxes, wills and lasting power of attorney 	<p>Collective Legal Solutions 01142 300 265 ext 3 (ask for Sam) enquiries1@collectivelegalsolutions.co.uk</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Water Aid and the important role that women play in its work 	<p>Geoff Litterick , Dunns Pitts Barn, Hollis Lane, Kenilworth CV8 2JY 07821 602898 geofflitterick@btinternet.com</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Our Daily Bread: life behind the scenes of a village bakery • Readings from my Father’s Diary of 1940 • Village Life in Malawi – having a bakery to feed children and orphans 	<p>Glynis Gayton, 10 Maypole Lane, Grendon, Atherstone CV9 2BS 01827 712982 glynis.gayton@hotmail.co.uk</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Researching your family history 	<p>Rose Clemo, 2 Nursery Road, Atherstone CV9 1PN 01827 704837 rosecleo@yahoo.co.uk</p>
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